

## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook January 21 – January 27, 2016

Localized light rains were observed this past week; scattered showers are expected to continue next week.



During the past week, little rainfall was observed throughout the island of Hispaniola. Rains were constrained to some locations along the west coast of Haiti, and local areas of southern Dominican Republic. Amounts in these locations generally ranged from 5-25mm. Rainfall has been consistently near or slightly below average over the last 30-days, with only minor observed anomalies over the period. A normal frequency of rain events has been observed as well, over the period. Both the VHI and NDVI indicate great improvements in vegetation conditions since the fall. Poor conditions are now relegated to northern parts of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Most of these areas are even showing a positive trend in recent weeks. The forecast indicates that the current pattern is likely to persist into the outlook period for Haiti. Another week of seasonable scattered rain showers is expected. Totals could exceed 25mm in a few areas.